

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated July 20, 2010 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 13-27 are objected to. Claims 11, 12 and 28-30 are withdrawn. Claims 28-30 have been cancelled as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the Specification and claim 1 as originally filed. Claim 11 has been amended. Support can be found throughout the Specification.

**Claim Objections**

Claims 1-5 and 14 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the nonelected subject matter of (b)-(h).

Claims 6-10, 13 and 15-27 are additionally objected to for depending on a withdrawn base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the non-elected subject matter as referenced above.

Applicants submit that the claim objections have been overcome.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-5, 6-10, 13-14 and 15-27 contain allowable subject matter wherein in independent claim 1, the acoustic sensor comprises a surface comprising (a), wherein (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) are deleted. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly.

**Rejoinder**

Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of claims 11 and 12. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the waveguide layer comprises “a polymer derived from two or more different monomers wherein at least one is a (meth)acrylate monomer, the polymer derived from N-vinylcarbazole, the polyepoxide, the VF<sub>2</sub>-containing fluoropolymer, or combinations thereof” as an additional feature. Claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 5, which in turn depends from claim 1. With the removal of the non-elected subject matter of (b)-(h) from claim 1, claims 11 and 12 comprise additional features added to allowable claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that with the amendment to claim 11, claims 11 and 12 may be rejoined.

All outstanding objections and rejections are believed to have been met and overcome. If a telephonic conference with Applicants' undersigned representative would be useful in advancing the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 733-2180. A notice of allowance for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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